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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



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“Native Americans & Natural Resources”

Join us today, Thursday, September 27th as we welcome Freeman Owle, Cherokee storyteller, for two programs. The first will be held at 1:30pm at the Goodall Center in Glendale and the second at 7:00pm in the AAAS room of Burwell Building on Wofford’s campus. Owle’s presentations are part of the Environmental Studies *Thinking Like a River Initiative* and are co-sponsored by South Carolina Interfaith Power and Light. Both events are free and open to the public.

The afternoon event at the Goodall Center will also be a kick-off to the Three Sisters Garden project, which is a three-year outreach program funded by the *Thinking Like a River Initiative*. The project, led by Melisa Emkjer, will

work with local youth from the Boys & Girls Club to develop and expand their knowledge of our region and further their appreciation of our environment and natural surroundings.

Thinking Like a River is an innovative three-year initiative that aims to shape a culture of sustainability centered on local waters by offering unique, hands-on experiences with area rivers for students, faculty and area residents. The college’s environmental studies program, directed by Dr. Kaye Savage, received a \$383,000 grant from the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation to fund the initiative that will bring the college community together with local citizens to “comprehend, celebrate and create an enduring culture of sustainability on rivers.”



Dr. Savage’s ENVS 203 class traveled to Crowders Mountain, where rocks contain the mineral kyanite.



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- September 27th** **Cherokee Storyteller Freeman Owle:** Join us at 1:30 at the Goodall Center in Glendale or at 7:00pm in AAAS room in Burwell Building.
- September 29th** **Project Rx:** A community collaboration to protect our rivers and residents by properly disposing of medicine. Bring any unused medicine to the drop-off site at Spartanburg City Hall, 145 W. Broad Street. 10:00am-2:00pm.
- October 1st** **Fierce Green Fire Meeting:** 8:30pm in BSA 1.
- October 6th** **Athletic Recycling Initiative with Fierce Green Fire:** Join us before the Parents' Weekend football game and help educate the public on what can be recycled and how easy recycling can be. Contact Jan Patton pattonje@email.wofford.edu if you would like to help.
- October 11th & 12th** **Thinking Like A River Symposium:** Join us for the two-day symposium with 4 panelists. Susan Fox Rogers, Allison Hedgecoke, Mike Freeman, and David Furbish will be on hand to discuss a variety of topics on rivers. More details to follow.
- October 16th** **Film Premiere:** *Market Street: Inside the New Albany Farmers' Market*. Celebrate World Food Day as ENVS Senior Andrea Kelsey presents a documentary on how a small farmers' market in Columbus, Ohio supports health, wellness, and community sustainability. 7:00pm-8:00pm in Room 113 of Michael S. Brown Village Center.
- October 29th** **Deadline for Leadership Role Applications in Fierce Green Fire:** If you are interested in a leadership position in Fierce Green Fire, email Jan Patton (*see email above*) for information and descriptions of roles.
- October 31st** **Deadline for South Carolina Wildlife Federation Scholarships:** Scholarships will be awarded to full-time undergraduate or graduate students studying environmental education. Winners announced in December 2012. See Dr. Savage if you are interested in applying.

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

University of Colorado – Boulder – Environmental Studies Program

UC-Boulder's graduate degrees "emphasize the interconnections of environmental science and decision making."

Their program offers a MS degree as well as the opportunity to pursue an ENVS Peace Corp Masters and dual degrees in Law and Business. There is also the opportunity to continue on with their PhD degree. The program is very selective and only admits 10-20 students each year.

UC-Boulder has been recognized as a leader in

environmental research and allows students to work with researchers at nearby organizations including the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

For more information on this program visit http://envs.colorado.edu/grad_program/.